में सहयोग तथा सलाह देने के लिए समाज के विभिन्न तबकों का प्रतिनिधित्व करने वाली कार्यक्रम सलाहकार समितियों का पुनर्गठन किया जा रहा है।

Programmes Telecast from Jalandhar Doordarshan

†*7. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaints that the programmes telecast from the Jalandhar centre of the Doordarshan are vulgar, incorrect from the language point of view and spreading superstitions;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) whether Government would consider constituting a Joint Committee of writers, educationists, social workers and Members of Parliament for determining the basis and guidelines for the selection of programmes for telecast from such centres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) No such complaint has been received by the Government.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Programme matters of Doordarshan fall within the purview of Prasar Bharati which is a statutory Corporation and the Government does not decide upon these. It has, however, been intimated by Prasar Bharati that Programme Advisory Committees ^representing different sections of society are in the process of being reconstituted at the various Kendras to aid and advise them in the planning and production of programmes.

SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA: Anyhow, we can look into the reply later on, But, Sir, ...*(Interruptions)*....

MR. CHAIRMAN: Why? You have to ask a supplementary on the reply only. You cannot put 'a new Question.

SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA: Okay, Sir, I have to make one because there is a reason.

† Original notice of the Questions was received in Hindi.

MR. CHAIRMAN: No, you cannot put a new Question, but only a supplementary on the question.

SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA: My question originated from the reply, not from outside. Sir, this House must take note of the reply. It is said that the programme matters of Doordarshan fall within the purview of Prasar Bharati which is a statutory corporation and the Government does not decide upon these. Sir, the Minister is advising me. But the Government can say something to the Prasar Bharati on the standard of Punjabi language used by the Jalandhar Doordarshan Kendra. A new question arises here: Is Prasar Bharati above Parliament? This is my question.

SHRI ARUN JAITLEY: Sir, nothing above Parliament. It is a statutory authority which functions within the framework of law, as has been assigned to it by a legislation framed by this Parliament.

SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA: Sir, I request you to protect me. I have put a simple question that the standard of Punjabi language telecast from the Jalandhar Doordarshan Kendra is deteriorating and is undermined by vulgur and below-standard programmes. Now, the Minister says that this corporation is statutory and the Government does not decide upon its function! Where should I go? What should I do? This is my question. I repeat that Jalandhar Doordarshan is destroying the Punjabi language. I have simply suggested that a committee comprising journalists/Punjabi writers like Sardar Duggal or Shri Kuldip Nayar and Members from the other House can be constituted to look into the standard of the Punjabi language. But the Minister says that the Government cannot tell them. What is this? *(Interruptions)*

SHRI ARUN JAITLEY: The hon. Member may kindly go through part (c) of the reply where it is very categorically stated that the Prasar Bharati has informed us that they are in the process of constituting such committees which will comprise of different sections of the society—people from art, literature and also from elected representatives—for the purpose of advising them on the programming.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.